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SENATE BILL 1789

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15, Part 7, relative to civil procedure in general sessions courts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-727, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(c) Rule 5B of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, regarding electronic filing, signing, or verification, shall apply to all courts of general sessions. The general sessions courts shall have the authority under the same circumstances and in the same manner as is provided in Tenn. R. Civ. P. 5B to authorize papers to be filed, signed, or verified by electronic means.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.